



**CITY OF LODI  
COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

**AGENDA TITLE:** Authorize Advertisement for Transportation Services for the Junior Giants and Authorize Use of Buses Should No Alternate Provider Be Willing to Perform the Service

**MEETING DATE:** July 21, 2004

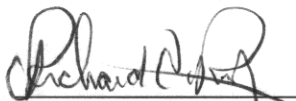
**PREPARED BY:** Public Works Director

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** That the City Council authorize advertisement for transportation services for the Junior Giants on August 7, 2004, and authorize the use of buses should no alternate provider be willing to perform the service.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** The Junior Giants are sponsored by the SF Giants (SF Community Fund) which has been in business for ten years now. This program, "The Junior Giants", was established by the SF Giants to give children ages 5 to 18 an opportunity to participate in a sports program. Most of the kids participating in the program are under privileged or low economic kids that can not afford to play any sport because of the cost of the parks and recreation programs. This program is also designed to teach kids not only the aspects of baseball but life skills as well. A copy of the email requesting the service is attached.

This all-day program would utilize three NABI (40-foot) buses for twelve hours to transport children to San Francisco. Staff feels that the Transit System can accommodate the request for buses on a Saturday, however, we feel that the City is not in a position to cover the cost.

**FUNDING:** Cost of \$1,800 to be covered by project sponsors.

  
Richard C. Prima, Jr.  
Public Works Director

Prepared by Tiffani M. Fink, Transportation Manager

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Attachment

cc: Transportation Manager  
MV General Manager- Lodi

APPROVED:

  
H. Dixon Flynn, City Manager

## Tiffani Fink

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**From:** Reba Ridino  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 06, 2004 9:46 AM  
**To:** Tiffani Fink  
**Cc:** Reba Ridino  
**Subject:** Donation of City of Lodi Buses for Field Trip to SF

Hi Tiffany: Per our conversation here is my request for a donation of the City of Lodi Grapeline buses (possibly 3 buses for 125 kids) on August 7th, 2004 at 7:00 a.m. to 7 p.m. Each year the SF Giants **REWARD the players of 65 leagues** with a free SF baseball game at Pac Bell Park. The kids get a free ticket to the game and a lunch provided by the SF Giants. Each league is responsible for their own transportation.

I am the commissioner for a baseball league called the Lodi Junior Giants. We are sponsored by the SF Giants (SF Community Fund) which has been in business for ten years now. This program "The Junior Giants" was established by the SF Giants to give children ages 5 to 18 an opportunity to participate in a sports program. Most of the kids the program is designed for are under privileged or low economic kids that can't afford to play any sport because of the cost of the parks and rec programs. This program is also designed to teach kids not only the aspects of baseball but life skills as well.

The SF Giants supply all of our equipment and our league only seeks donations for trophies and transportation to the yearly field trip to Pac Bell Park. This field trip is a Carlos Tobar initiated the donation of Grapeline buses in 1999. He was one of our coaches and he helped us transport our kids to SF each year. Last year someone else obtained LUSD buses for us but we were not advised that it was a \$1500.00 cost. I was shocked to learn about the charge and I eventually got the charge reversed.

I started this program for Lodi kids in 1999. Our program has grown and now we have 12 teams in our league. Our league is a valuable asset for Lodi and particularly the east side kids. We help these kids stay off the street and we teach them values and life skills during our baseball season.

We are in desperate need of your assistance with 3 Grapeline buses for our field trip. Our league, along with the City of Lodi, has an insurance policy in the amount of \$500,000 which would cover us for this field trip as well. We would also supply free tickets to 2 drivers per bus.

The City of Lodi is very conscious of programs that benefit "at risk children" and this would be a very beneficial donation to supply to our organization.

If you have any further questions about this please call my cell at 329-3484 or my desk at 333-6885. My co-commisioner John Whisler is available to speak to the City Council. His number is 333-6881.

Thanks, Commissioner/Detective Reba Ridino #21

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July 15, 2004

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SUBJECT: Authorize Advertisement for Transportation Services for the Junior Giants  
and Authorize Use of Buses Should No Alternate Provider Be Willing to  
Perform the Service

Enclosed is a copy of background information on an item on the City Council agenda of  
Wednesday, July 21, 2004. The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. in the  
City Council Chamber, Carnegie Forum, 305 West Pine Street.

This item is on the consent calendar and is usually not discussed unless a  
Council Member requests discussion. The public is given an opportunity to address  
items on the consent calendar at the appropriate time.

If you wish to write to the City Council, please address your letter to City Council,  
City of Lodi, P. O. Box 3006, Lodi, California, 95241-1910. Be sure to allow time for the  
mail. Or, you may hand-deliver the letter to City Hall, 221 West Pine Street.

If you wish to address the Council at the Council Meeting, be sure to fill out a speaker's  
card (available at the Carnegie Forum immediately prior to the start of the meeting) and  
give it to the City Clerk. If you have any questions about communicating with the  
Council, please contact Susan Blackston, City Clerk, at 333-6702.

If you have any questions about the item itself, please call Tiffani Fink,  
Transportation Manager, at 333-6800, extension 2678.



for: Richard C. Prima, Jr.  
Public Works Director

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Enclosure

cc: City Clerk